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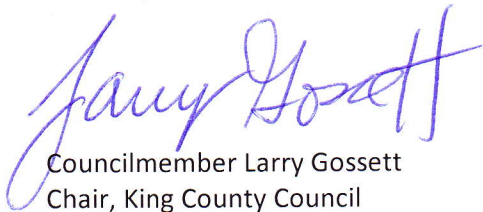
Commissioner Stern,

In October, the Metropolitan King County Council unanimously approved a binding Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). This binding agreement set the process to review the proposed development of the Arena, a multi-purpose sports and entertainment facility to serve as home to a Seattle professional basketball franchise.

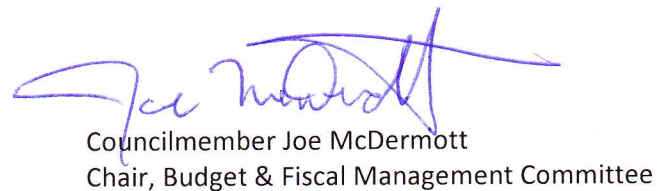
We are writing today to reiterate the County Council's continued support for this exciting opportunity to bring an NBA team back to Seattle. King County has been working closely and constructively with the City of Seattle and Chris Hansen's ArenaCo to carry out the steps outlined in the MOU. As a result, we have made substantial progress and will be in a position to take final action on the proposed Arena when the review process is complete. We are confident that when the proposal comes back to us the County Council will take action expeditiously. We will work with our city partners to have countywide support.

We look forward to the NBA locating a team in Seattle.

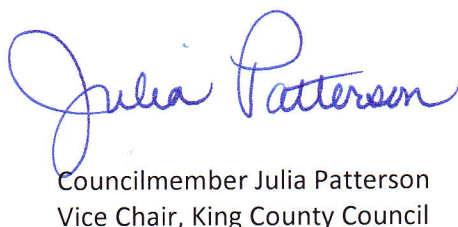
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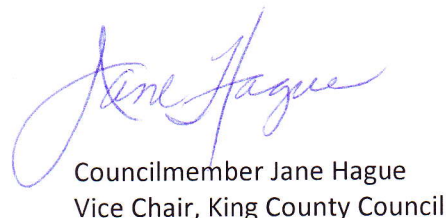
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